



## T-PCHC MINUTES

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met in the Mayor and Council Conference Room, City Hall, 1st floor, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 12:03 p.m., on Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

#### Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair  
Norma Niblett, Vice Chair  
Annette Campbell  
Sharon Chadwick  
Demion Clinco  
Sarah Herr  
Gerald Juliani

Carlos Lozano  
Bill Mackey  
Kathy Nabours  
Sybil Needham  
Eileen Warshaw (departed @ 12:43 pm)  
Patsy Waterfall

#### Members Absent:

Sandee Brooke  
Stephen Grede  
Albert Guidero  
Joe Joaquin  
Bettina Lyons  
Renee RedDog  
Estevan Rodriguez  
Gal Witmer

#### Others Present:

Jonathan Mabry	Historic Preservation Officer, COT Housing & Community Services Department
Linda Mayro	Cultural Resources Manager, Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Office
Andy McGovern	Department of Transportation Engineer Manager
William Kirchner	Guest
Sylvia Carbajal	Recording Secretary, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office

### 2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2009
- B. Approval of Budget Subcommittee Actions from meeting of:
  - 1. January 13, 2010
- C. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions from the meeting(s) of:
  - 1. December 10, 2009
  - 2. December 14, 2009

It was moved by Vice Chair Niblett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Brooke, Guidero, Grede, Joaquin, Lyons, RedDog, Rodriguez, Witmer absent) to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C.

Approved: 03/10/2010

### **3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events**

Chair Majewski commented on her concerns about possible cuts to Outside Agencies by the City of Tucson. She said she was unable to attend the January 12 Mayor and Council meeting, but spoke to Dr. Jonathan Mabry, Historic Preservation Officer, about her concerns. She said Dr. Mabry advised her about the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and Pima County, and said he would contact the City Attorney's Office. In contacting the City Attorney's Office, Dr. Mabry was advised that the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission's funding would be preserved. She commended Dr. Mabry for his help.

### **4. Removal/Appointments to Committees and to T-PCHC Subcommittees**

Chair Majewski reported that Commissioner Waterfall had been chair of the Preservation Awards Subcommittee for some time now, and she had indicated she wanted to be replaced as chair. Chair Majewski also announced she spoke with Commissioner Herr, who had agreed to serve as chair. She asked for a nomination from the floor to nominate Commissioner Herr as chair of the Preservation Awards Subcommittee.

It was moved by Vice Chair Niblett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Brooke, Guidero, Grede, Joaquin, Lyons, RedDog, Rodriguez, Witmer absent) to appoint Commissioner Herr as chair of the Preservation Awards Subcommittee.

A discussion was held on the composition of the Preservation Awards Subcommittee. Those who were on the subcommittee last year were asked if they were interested in continuing on the subcommittee. All of them were willing to continue to serve.

It was moved by Vice Chair Niblett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Brooke, Guidero, Grede, Joaquin, Lyons, RedDog, Rodriguez, Witmer absent) to appoint the following members to the Preservation Awards Subcommittee: Commissioners Campbell, Nabours, Needham, Guidero, Waterfall, Vice Chair Niblett and Chair Majewski.

Discussion was held on the composition of the Birthday Subcommittee. No action was taken.

### **5. Reports from City and County Staff**

#### **A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer (Jonathan Mabry)**

Jonathan Mabry reported on the following:

- a. Reported on a thirty percent cut in his budget, which had previously been used for emergency repairs and National Register nominations. He said he would do his best to be creative to maximize the remaining funds.
- b. The Villa Catalina Apartments were officially listed in the National Register in December. Also, the Gist Residence on the east side was listed in the National Register.

- c. A draft of the Barrio Anita National Register nomination has been completed and will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review.
- d. Jefferson Park and Barrio Santa Rosa nominations were almost completed. Drafts were expected this month.
- e. “Brown House” emergency stabilization repairs have been completed.
- f. Historic Landmark Signs – City staff has been researching an inventory of almost two hundred signs in order for the Historic Landmark Signs Subcommittee to develop the definition of a historic landmark sign. The subcommittee will then determine which signs on the list meet the definition and are eligible for designation as historic landmark signs.
- g. Update was given on the Ghost Ranch Lodge project.
- h. Update was given on the amendment to the *Land Use Code*, which will require architectural documentation of buildings meeting the National Register criteria prior to getting a demolition permit. This item is scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on February 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
- i. Update was given on work for a Planned Area Development (PAD) overlay for the Warehouse District.
- j. Update was also given for a Planned Area Development (PAD) overlay being developed for Broadway Village Shopping Center.
- k. Update was given on the Memorial Project, a student high rise on Euclid.
- l. An *Arizona Daily Star* reporter was working on an article on “teardowns” in historic neighborhoods around the University of Arizona and how that would threaten their historic designations in the long run.

B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro)

Linda Mayro reported on the following:

- a. Joesler Nomination will be reviewed by Historic Sites Review Committee (HSRC) on January 29.
- b. Legal documents are being gathered to meet with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in an effort to seek Certified Local Government (CLG) status for Pima County.
- c. Ongoing discussions with SHPO regarding a Programmatic Agreement to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. They are also pursuing a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Programmatic Agreement with SHPO, which would allow Pima County to make certain administrative decisions rather than consulting on every property.
- d. Update was given on City and County Bond Projects

Ms. Mayro responded to questions from commission members, and discussion was held.

- C. Tucson Department of Transportation Director (Jim Glock or representative)

Andy McGovern reported on the following:

1. Major Corridor Projects Updates:
  - a) Speedway Blvd. between Camino Seco & Houghton was moving forward
  - b) Downtown Links Projects – St. Mary’s segment and 8<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage segment was under design
  - c) Broadway Blvd. between Euclid and Country Club – The formation of a Citizen’s Advisory Committee was scheduled to come before Mayor and Council for approval.

Chair Majewski asked if the Transportation Department would have persons knowledgeable about historic resources on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee for the Broadway Boulevard Project. She urged Mr. McGovern to have a representative with this knowledge on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

Mr. McGovern concurred. He responded to additional questions from commission members, and discussion was held.

**6. T-PCHC Subcommittee/Other Committee and Task Force Status Reports**

- A. T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee (Terry Majewski)

No report was given.

- B. T-PCHC Rules and Regulations Subcommittee (Santee Brooke)

No report was given.

- C. T-PCHC Transportation Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

- D. Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee (Gerald Juliani)

No report was given.

- E. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Sarah Herr or Terry Majewski)

Chair Majewski reported the Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council had not met during the holidays, but would resume their meetings in February 2010.

F. Historic Landmark Signs Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Carlos Lozano)

Commissioner Lozano expanded on Dr. Mabry's report on the Historic Landmark Signs. He said the definition the subcommittee was crafting of the Historic Landmark Sign would be a combination of age and design elements, and possibly construction techniques and construction materials. He said as reported last month, they were trying to create a definition that was broad enough to include every sign that should qualify, but narrow enough to exclude signs that should not.

G. Preservation Awards Subcommittee (Patsy Waterfall)

Commissioner Herr announced the date for the Preservation Awards Subcommittee was Sunday, May 23.

Chair Majewski asked Commissioner Clinco if he wanted to be on the Preservation Awards Subcommittee, as she believed he was not listed in the earlier motion.

Commissioner Clinco said he would be interested in serving on the Subcommittee.

This was agreeable to the original motion maker.

Chair Majewski asked for a motion to amend the earlier motion to include Commissioner Clinco.

It was moved by Commissioner Waterfall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0, (Commissioners Brooke, Guidero, Grede, Joaquin, Lyons, RedDog, Rodriguez, Whitmer absent and Commissioner Warshaw departed at 12:43) to amend the motion earlier to include Commissioner Clinco on the Preservation Awards Subcommittee.

**7. Tucson Preservation Foundation Update (Demion Clinco)**

Commissioner Clinco gave a quick update, stating that the Marist College National Register Nomination had been completed and was submitted to SHPO. It was scheduled to be reviewed by HSRC at their March meeting, and the foundation looked forward to Federal funding. They were continuing to work on the neon sign restoration project, identifying possible locations and coming up with the plans. He also gave an update on the Joesler coffee-table book and an upcoming adobe workshop.

Chair Majewski discussed training sessions at the Preservation Conference for commissioners. She asked Commissioner Clinco about the possibility of holding training sessions in Tucson apart from the conference, and asked if the Tucson Preservation Foundation would be willing to join in and help with funding for this training.

Commissioner Clinco said they might be able to come up with some funding.

**8. 2010 Statewide Preservation Conference (Sarah Herr)**

Commissioner Herr gave a brief update on the 2010 Historic Preservation Partnership Conference and distributed copies of the flyer. She referred commissioners to the website, [azpreservation.com](http://azpreservation.com) for the program and registration. The conference was scheduled for May 13 through May 14, 2010, in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Chair Majewski stated she would keep the conference as an agenda item to keep commissioners updated.

**9. Call to the Audience**

Vice President Niblett introduced William Kirchner, who had been working on a project to locate all the historic markers within the City of Tucson, photographing the historic markers, and documenting their location. She asked commissioners to contact him directly if they had any information on historic markers.

William Kirchner gave a brief presentation on his background and the project. He notified the commission about a couple of markers that were missing.

Chair Majewski invited Mr. Kirchner to come back when his project was complete to make a formal presentation to the commission.

Commissioner Needham announced the Presidio Trust would hold a Chocolate Festival at the Presidio on February 13, and invited everyone to attend.

Commissioner Campbell reminded commissioners that "Dillinger Days" were coming up and scheduled for the weekend of January 23 - 24, 2010.

**10. Future Agenda Items for February 2010 Meeting**

A. Possible cancellation of February 2010 meeting

Chair Majewski announced she would not be in town for the next scheduled meeting in February. She asked for a motion to possibly cancel the February 2010 meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chair Niblett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0, (Commissioners Brooke, Guidero, Grede, Joaquin, Lyons, RedDog, Rodriguez, Witmer absent and Commissioner Warshaw departed at 12:43 p.m.), that there would possibly be a cancellation of the February 2010 meeting. It was the consensus of the commission that if an urgent item came by, they would schedule a meeting and Vice Chair Niblett would chair the meeting.

**11. Adjournment: 1:08 p.m.**